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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM PRESIDENT TO MINISTER OF INDUSTRIES
GEORGE FERNANDES

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT TO
GEORGE FERNANDES, MINISTER OF INDUSTRIES, THANKING HIM
FOR THE GIFT OF THREE INDIAN-MADE BICYCLES. ORIGINAL IS
BEING POUCHED FOR DELIVERY TO THE MINISTER.

2. BEGIN TEXT - DEAR MR. MINISTER: THANK YOU VERY MUCH
FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL GIFT OF THREE INDIAN-MADE BICYCLES.
AS YOU POINT OUT, BICYCLES ARE AN APT SYMBOL OF OUR
COMMON INTEREST IN THE CONSERVATION OF ENERGY. I WOULD
ADD THAT EVER SINCE THE DAYS OF CHESTER BOWLES'S SERVICE
AS AMBASSADOR, BICYCLES HAVE BEEN A SYMBOL OF INDO-
AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP AS WELL.

BOTH CUSTOM AND LAW PLACE SEVERE CONSTRAINTS ON MY
ACCEPTANCE OF PERSONAL GIFTS. THE BICYCLES WERE RECEIVED
AT THE WHITE HOUSE, AND, WITH YOUR EMBASSY'S CONCURRENCE,
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WE HAVE ARRANGED TO HAVE THEM PRESENTED TO A CHARITABLE
INSTITUTION IN WASHINGTON. I KNOW THAT THEY WILL BE
ACCEPTED WITH GRATITUDE AND USED WITH ENTHUSIASM.

I RECALL WITH PLEASURE THE TIME SPENT WITH YOU DURING MY
THREE DAYS IN NEW DELHI. ROSALYNN, AMY AND I THANK YOU
AGAIN FOR YOUR KIND GESTURE. SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER. HIS

EXCELLENCY GEORGE FERNANDES, MINISTER OF INDUSTRIES OF
INDIA. END TEXT. VANCE

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